

## CHILLY RECEPTION WAITS LA FOLLETTE

Senate Is Nevertheless Curious About Him.

### WIFE POWERFUL ASSISTANCE

Woman of Winning Nature and Noted Ability as Social and Political Worker.

Now that it is assured that Robert M. La Follette will come to his Senatorial seat, there is endless gossip as to how he will behave, how his colleagues will treat him, what will be the relations—both nominal and actual—between him and his Senatorial colleague and senior, John C. Spooner, and especially how the Wisconsin Congressman will act toward him.

On the surface, the Senate may be expected to be punctiliously correct in its reception. It will avoid every appearance of a desire to inflict a frost, and it will deal chivalrously from the bottom of the pack and from up its sleeve whenever it feels secure against discovery in so doing. The new Senator will be made to feel about as much at home as a man who has broken into a club to which he is not welcome.

#### House Men on Fence.

The Wisconsin house delegation contains just one man whom Wisconsin recognizes as a Stalwart. He is Babcock. The others have learned, since the situation in the Badger State became dangerous, that their best policy was to keep out of all State troubles, to take no sides, and to adhere to a careful middle-of-the-road policy. Most of them, indeed, have not been pleased with the rise of La Follette, and have put tacks in front of his tires whenever they could do it without being caught in the act. But there have been no open ruptures, save with Babcock.

Cooper is commonly regarded as a La Follette partisan, but there is good Wisconsin authority for the belief that his affection experienced a great drop in ardor about the time Mr. Cooper discovered that La Follette was not going to make him Senator.

So it is expected that the Wisconsin Congressmen will perch themselves carefully on the fence and watch the procession go by. If La Follette makes any of the bad breaks that his Senatorial enemies are so certain he will soon make; if his grip on the home situation weakens with his absence from the scene; if the long-expected reaction presents its appearance in good health, and with evidence of a determination to stay—then the Wisconsin House members, it is promised, will begin to climb down on the Spooner side of the fence. If things go the other way, they will begin to discover La Follette's interest in person those strawberry marks which will prove him a long-lost brother.

#### Spencer Offish.

Several elements will enter into the determination of the Wisconsin delegation's attitude. Senator Spooner has never maintained intimate relations with his House conference. So far, he has had little to do with them, and there have been evidences that his aloofness was not especially liked. Whether it was liked or not, was of insignificant concern to him.

Senator La Follette, it is thought, is likely enough to engage in a campaign of social maneuvering for advantage. He is extremely democratic, and he has a wife who is a distinguished social success. She is a Wisconsin girl, was a classmate of her husband at Madison University, and has influential connections in the State, and is declared by Wisconsin people who know her to have social possibilities in the realm of national society quite as distinguished as the political possibilities that her husband will face when he sits for the first time in a Senatorial seat.

#### Wife Winning Card.

Mrs. La Follette has contributed no small part to her husband's success. She is a remarkable woman of affairs. She knows everybody in Wisconsin; indeed, she has her own following, sometimes quite distinct from her husband's. She has helped organize and manage his campaigns, she is first among his advisers, and he and his close friends trust her advice because it has seldom been faulty.

On the social side, then, there is opportunity for La Follette's strengthening of the La Follette hold on the Wisconsin delegation, and for a corresponding weakening of the Spooner grip. This is one possibility that is already being reckoned with.

Senator Spooner has proved himself the broad gauge man in his handling of the preliminaries to La Follette's coming. He is one of the powers of the Senate. As chairman of the Rules Committee, he had more to do, for instance, with assignment of committee rooms than anybody else. He took advantage of the opportunity to do the handsome thing. He held out one of the very best committee suites that a new Senator can possibly hope for, and when protest was entered against its reservation for his colleague, replied that he didn't propose to be under the accusation of doing anything mean, simply because La Follette and himself had not always been politically friendly. He insisted that those rooms be reserved for La Follette; and they have been.

And in the matter of committee assignments likewise, vacancies have been left for La Follette which assure him possibilities of reasonably satisfactory service, and Spooner is again credited with the chief responsibility.

#### In White House.

Senator Spooner is one of the men close to the President, and there is much inquiry as to how the relations between his colleague and the White House will start off. One man, and he

## Troops Going to Asia To Be Ready For China

Movement of Infantry to Philippines Is Part of Preparation to Meet Threatening Outbreak Against Foreigners by Peasants.

"There is more danger of the partition of China today than there was when the cabinets of the world were worrying and the press was full of discussion about it," recently declared a public man who was with the Taft party in the East.

His explanation was that the anti-foreign feeling in China is likely at any time to force a crisis in which the Powers will again co-operate in military protection of their interests, and in another experience of that sort, he believed, there would be far more difficulty getting the foreign troops promptly withdrawn.

#### Uncle Sam's Mailed Fist.

Strong intimation that this country is preparing to adopt a mailed fist policy in China comes from different sources. The fact has leaked out that the ordnance bureau is busy with preparations aimed directly at the possibility of extensive military and naval operations in the Far East—and not in the Philippines, either. The utmost secrecy has attended these preliminaries, and it has been impossible to induce any officials to indicate exactly what is doing. But it is known that preparations are making for grave eventualities which are regarded as more than possible in view of the Shanghai outbreak of feeling against foreigners.

Confirmation direct of the significance of these ordnance activities comes from the higher authorities of the War Department, who have unexpectedly ordered the First and Second Infantry and the Eighth and Thirtieth batteries of artillery to the Philippines. There is no corresponding order for the withdrawal of troops from the islands, and it has been the rule; and there is no condition in the islands demanding an increase of military force.

The troops are to leave on short notice, about February 1, and their arrival in the islands will give that country the longest force it has held there in several years.

#### Wish Big Force Handy.

Although no official admission of the fact has been made, it is well understood that these military dispositions are related to the Administration's de-

termination to get itself into a position of advantage with reference to China, so that in need, an effective force may be used there.

The boycott movement against the United States in particular is coming to give less concern than the general development of anti-foreign feeling in the empire. The worry which but recently was monopolized by the United States concerning its Chinese affairs and relations is more and more extending to European countries. The prediction is freely made, and on excellent authority, that if there is occasion for a naval and military demonstration in China by the United States, this country will not be alone in thus emphasizing the demands of the West for more courteous consideration.

"The situation is giving grave concern because the Chinese people are showing increasing disposition to break away from the domination of the viceroys," in time ago, the viceroy of Canton issued an edict to put down some rebellious outbreaks. He made it as strong as he knew how, and it resulted in a renewal of the popular feeling. The prompt and determined use of all the power at his command enabled him to suppress the rebellion, the incentive of which was largely anti-foreign feeling. But the situation developed into extreme gravity before he was assured of supremacy.

#### Viceroy's Back Water.

More recently, when the viceregal edicts were issued against the boycott, they were not couched in anything like so strong terms as this Canton edict had been, for the simple reason that the viceroys did not dare make them so. They feared that such an extreme of pressure would still further aggravate popular feeling and perhaps bring about a situation beyond their power to handle.

It is knowledge of these difficulties of the Chinese authorities that has determined the American administration to be prepared for any eventuality. An increased force of troops will be kept close to China in order that on occasion it may be used promptly. The American naval force in the East is considered adequate for any probable emergency without addition.

## BOY BURGLARS FLOODED STORE WITH CIDER

Their Method of Revenge for Not Finding the Groceryman's Money.

MT. VERNON, Dec. 23.—Cider-ettes and dime novels led to the downfall of two boys who were arraigned before Judge Simpson here, charged by Detective George Atwell with robbing the grocery store of Harry Fredericks.

When the prisoners, Joseph Miller and Robert Wiseman, both fourteen years old, found that all his cash, it was charged, they turned on the cocks of cider barrels, after gathering up a large quantity of candy and cigarettes. When Mr. Fredericks entered his store he found it flooded with hard and sweet cider.

The boys, before leaving the store, nearly made themselves sick eating candy and Boston beans and washing it down with cider.

"If we had found that grocer's money," said one of the boys, "we would have gone West. We intended to celebrate Christmas by becoming cowboys, and later we intended to fight the Indians."

The little fellows will probably be sent to the Westchester Temporary Home, as they have been arrested before.

## COFFIN WILL BE TRIED FOR HAZING

Midshipman's Court-Martial Next Week.

### DETAIL NOT ANNOUNCED

Accused of Causing Kimbrough to Stand on His Head.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 23.—Midshipman Trennon Coffin, jr., of Carson City, Nev., will be placed on trial before a court-martial next week, for hazing Midshipman Jerome P. Kimbrough, of Germantown, Tenn. It was announced that the court will in all probability be convened on Thursday.

There will be six members of the court-martial, including the judge advocate. The ranking member will be a commander, to be selected from those officers on duty at the Academy. Unless with interruption to their other duties, it was found impracticable to select all of the members of the court from the officers on duty from here and the Navy Department has been asked to detail their officers from Washington. The complete detail of the court, therefore, has not yet been announced by Rear Admiral James H. Sands, superintendent, of the Naval Academy.

#### Charges Against Coffin.

The charges and specifications against Midshipman Coffin are now being prepared in the office of the superintendent of the Academy. The single charge, of course, will be that of "hazing," and the specification that Coffin compelled Kimbrough to stand on his head until he was rendered unconscious.

Midshipman Norman Van der Veer, of Mt. Holly, N. J., a member of the second class, who is also under arrest for his connection with the Academy, will not be tried until the court disposes of the case of Coffin. The charge against Van der Veer is that of neglect of duty in not reporting the hazing of Kimbrough when it was in the line of duty for him to do so as he was in charge of the floor of Bancroft Hall, where the offense was committed.

#### May Investigate Additional Cases.

Whether any additional cases of hazing have been established against any midshipmen by the board of investigation detailed by Admiral Sands, the authorities will not disclose as the report to be submitted after the board adjourns will cover this question.

It is admitted, however, that the testimony given by the fourth class men before the board clearly shows that hazing has been in full swing ever since the new class entered the institution last June. Asked whether the investigators had found any hazing of a more brutal nature than was that of young Kimbrough, an official stated today that there had been cases where the victims have suffered greater hardships at the hands of their tormentors, but it is supposed that Kimbrough is of weaker constitution than others of the new middies and that he could not stand the torture for a long period.

#### FRACTURED LEFT LEG.

Caught between two cars while working in the New Jersey avenue freight yard, Thomas Herring, a brakeman, thirty-one years old, living at 221 First street southeast, received a fracture of his left leg at the ankle, shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was taken to the Providence Hospital for treatment.

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## Fitz's Wife Deserts Him; Had Access to Money

Pugilist Feared She Was Going to Leave When He Entered Ring Friday, and Was Worried in Fight.

### SAFETY NOT ANNOUNCED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Julia Gifford Fitzsimmons, wife of "Bob" Fitzsimmons, who is now in New York, is said to be preparing to leave for Europe, against the wishes of her husband. He is heartbroken here at the Adams House, and his manager, Leon Friedman, has telegraphed to New York to try to prevent the woman's leaving.

#### Gone Forever.

"I am leaving New York forever. Took step week ago long contemplated," am determined. My attorney's letter should reach 'Bob' today.—Julia.

Julia Gifford Fitzsimmons has entry to Fitz's bank account, which was kept with the Second National Bank in New York. He had in the neighborhood of \$2,000 on deposit. In addition to that, all he has is the money he made in his fight with Jack O'Brien Wednesday night, about \$3,000.

#### Worried in Fight.

According to Manager Friedman, Mrs. Fitzsimmons has long been planning to leave Fitzsimmons. She failed to write or wire him for days before the fight,

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and in consequence Fitz was worried when he entered the ring with O'Brien. A Philadelphia contractor, known as Major Miller, and said to be a rich man, is thought to be her attraction.

It is a strange fact, that on the night which ended the pugilist's ring career, Mrs. Fitz wired him as follows:

"Win or lose, you are my Bob. But win."

Friends of Bob believe that if his wife has eloped, as reported, it will break his heart, coming so soon upon the crushing defeat he suffered on Wednesday night, and the realization that his day is done.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Julia Gifford is remembered pleasantly in comic opera. Before going with Bob in melodrama, she played Katie in "Johnny Comes Marching Home."

Fitz's marriage with Julia Gifford took place on the Pacific coast, and was his third venture. His second wife, Rose Julian, died about six months before. Everyone believed the home life of the pugilist and his present wife was one of uninterrupted harmony, and on the stage it was frequently said that Fitz was always making love to his wife.

## WOMAN GUARDS HIDDEN MONEY

Husband Dies Without Revealing Secret.

### SAVED EIGHT THOUSAND

Left Penniless, She Fears Friends May Discover Location of Gold.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Fearing that robbers may find the hidden treasure left by her husband, who died two days ago, Mrs. Andrew Mattson, sixty-two years old, is keeping an anxious vigil at her weather beaten cabin on the shore of Lake Michigan at the foot of 1044 street. Mattson is supposed to have saved \$8,000, which he hid so securely that even his wife knew nothing of the place of concealment. She fears that Mattson may have betrayed his secret to some companion.

Mrs. Mattson yesterday asked three of her husband's friends to assist her in guarding the "shack" and its surroundings until the hidden treasure could be found. These men, with Mrs. Mattson's only son, started to patrol the beach near the house last evening. They also keep searchers away. The widow fears are all the greater because her husband was a drinking man and talked to his friends about his money. Some time ago an acquaintance threatened to show where the treasure was hidden.

#### Keeps Secret From All.

Mattson was called a miser. Before his death his wife begged him to tell where he had buried his little fortune, but he was deaf to her entreaties. He also guarded his secret from all his relatives. Up to the time of his death he insisted that he would not die and that it was useless to tell where he had hidden his wealth. Before he lost consciousness in the hospital his wife forewarned her poverty-stricken and miserly fisherman the necessity of disclosing the location of the treasure.

"You are going to die," she told him, "and I need the money to bury you with."

Mattson was firm in his belief that death could not overtake him and he withheld his secret until it was too late. At the last he made a feeble effort to grant his wife's request. The words were unintelligible and the widow was left without a penny, while \$8,000 of the man's savings are believed to lie in some hiding place.

#### Fisherman and Stone Mason.

In the winter when there was little fishing Mattson worked as a stone mason, earning good wages. He spent little except a few nickels for beer. A few months ago he received \$500 from the Pennsylvania railroad in settlement for injuries which he suffered when struck by a train near his cabin. He hoarded all his money and sometimes carried it about in a leather bag.

He came to South Chicago fifteen years ago and built a hut on the lake shore. He never paid any rent and his living cost practically nothing. He had his own garden and kept his own chickens. The cottage shows his strange miserly handiwork.

The men who will assist her in the search are Anton Danielson, Harry Otter, and Gustave Anderson. Mattson and his wife came from Sweden.

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